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Gert-Jan Koopman appointed Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Kinnock

Mr Gert-Jan Koopman, Commission official of Dutch nationality, has been chosen by Vice-President Neil Kinnock to replace Mr Philip Lowe as the Head of his Private Office. The appointment became effective on 1 May 2002.

Gert-Jan Koopman, aged 36, first taught economics at the University of Utrecht and worked for the Dutch Central Planning Bureau (1987-1991). He joined the Commission in 1991 as an administrator at the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs. In 1995, he became Member of the Private Office of Neil Kinnock, then Commissioner for Transport. When Neil Kinnock became Commission Vice-President for Reform in 1999, Mr Koopman took on the job of Deputy Head of his Private Office, with special responsibility for the coordination of administrative reform.

CV attached

Gert Jan Koopman

Born February, 9, 1966

MSc in Economics *cum laude*

MA in Classics *cum laude*

Professional economist, specialised in policy advice on personnel, transport, energy and environmental issues.

Prior work experience

University of Utrecht, taught economics

Central Planning Bureau The Netherlands (1987-1991)

European Commission

Since May 2002 Head of Cabinet of Vice President Neil Kinnock, responsible for the Administrative Reform

September 1999-April 2002 - Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice President Neil Kinnock

- Coordination of the Administrative reform, the Task Force and the Group of Commissioners on Reform.

January 1995- September 1999 Member of the Cabinet of Neil Kinnock, Commissioner for Transport

